

TICKLED, PROBLED A part of Press Secretary Dureza's prayer before start of a Hede meeting on Tuesday that gets to Ms Arroyo goes: "Bless the President so she will have good health ... to lead this nation up to 2010 and perhaps, even beyond."

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Obama finally returns GMA call at 3:17 a.m.

By Christian V. Esguerra and TJ Burgonio

A PHONE CALL AT AN UNHOLY HOUR yesterday may have made President Macapagal-Arroyo's day, but a prayer at a Cabinet meeting later in the morning came close to ruining it.

Two weeks after she



OBAMA FINALLY / A11

Erap hand in coup seen



BEGINS WITH A BANG On his first working day as Senate president, Juan Ponce Enrile opens the session and presides over the "coup plotters" and the sharing of the spoils.

But deposed leader denies ousting Villar

By Juliet Labog-Javellana and Leila B. Salaverria

JOSEPH "ERAP" ESTRADA HELPED OUST Manuel Villar as Senate president because he wants the latter out of the way of the opposition ticket in the 2010 presidential election.

This was disclosed to the Inquirer by an administration senator.

Estrada denied any hand in the coup that saw Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile, an ally of both President Macapagal-Arroyo and her deposed predecessor, taking the plum post from Villar.

"Erap sees that there are many candidates from the opposition. He wants Manny Villar out of the way because [the latter's] being Senate president gives him a competitive edge," said the senator who asked not to be named because of the sensitive nature of the subject.

The senator said Estrada, who was convicted of plunder and quickly pardoned by Ms Arroyo, played his hand through his son, Sen. Jinggoy Estrada, as well as senators harboring presidential or vice presidential ambitions.

"This is an opposition plot, and Erap is the master manipulator who played on their greed. I don't think there was money involved here; it was just preying on their ambitions," the senator said.

ERAP / A6

Victors start bickering over spoils

By Christine O. Avendaño

SENATE PRESIDENT JUAN Ponce Enrile yesterday said the Senate would decide by Monday the chairmanship of 36 committees up for grabs after he was installed as the new leader of the chamber.

But this early Jose "Jinggoy" Estrada, who retained his position as Senate president pro tempore, is unhappy with the committee preferences of certain senators.

He did not elaborate but he said there were three to four committee chairs that dismayed him.

Asked whether this would affect his support for the new majority, Estrada said he wanted to see the final committee assignments.

VICTORS A6



SNEAK PEEK "Concentration" is Pacquiao's edge over De La Hoya, says his trainer Freddie Roach (left) during a media workout in Los Angeles on Monday. The dream fight is on Dec. 6.

Pacquiao game plan: Wear out De La Hoya

LOS ANGELES—TRAINER Freddie Roach believes Manny Pacquiao will have one significant edge when he fights Oscar De La Hoya—concentration.

According to Roach, the 35-year-old De La Hoya has changed since his younger days as one of the most dominant fighters.

"He's not quite as active, he's a little more patient, and he tires a little bit quicker," Roach said on Monday at the Hollywood gym where he trains Pacquiao. "He has had trouble focusing on the game plan. His mind wanders in there.

"He's weak-minded. I'm not saying nothing bad about him. But some people are very strong-minded, like Manny Pacquiao, and he can hold the game plan throughout."

Pacquiao, who faces De La Hoya in a "Dream Match" on Dec. 6 in Las Vegas, is also concentrating on his preparation ahead of the bout.

"Spiritual, physical and mental. You have to focus on that," the 29-year-old Filipino said.

Roach, who has predicted

PACQUIAO A4

Joc-joc appears more at home in the House

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr. and Leila B. Salaverria

HE SEEMED AT HOME IN THE less hostile confines of the House of Representatives, staying calm and collected even in the face of harsh words from opposition lawmakers.

There was little animosity in the air when Jocelyn "Joc-joc" Bolante walked sunburned into the cramped session room, where he exchanged knowing glances and hand signals with certain members of the House committee on agriculture, which is conducting the inquiry into the alleged fertilizer fund scam.

The purported architect of the P728-million fertilizer fund not only reiterated his testimony last week at the Senate where he absolved President Macapagal-Arroyo, Department of Agriculture (DA) officials, and certain lawmakers, governors and mayors of wrongdoing; he also took advantage of

JOC-JOC A10

Noli, Erap, Manny lead in Pulse Asia survey

FILIPINOS STILL DO NOT HAVE a clear choice for the country's next President, but had the May 2010 presidential election been held last month, it would have been a five-way contest, according to the latest survey by Pulse Asia Inc.

The October 2008 Ulat ng Bayan survey found "practically the same percentages of Filipinos" supporting Vice President Noli de Castro (18 percent), former President Joseph Estrada (17 percent), former Senate President Manuel Villar Jr. (17 percent), Sen. Francis Escudero (15 percent) and Sen. Loren Legarda (13 percent).

The survey, conducted from Oct. 14 to Oct. 27, asked the question: "Of the people on this list, whom would you vote for as President of the Philippines if the elections of 2010 were held today and they were presidential candidates?"

"Filipinos' presidential preferences hardly changed between July and October 2008," Pulse Asia said in a statement.

NOLI A4

Saudi supertanker hijacked; Pinoys in crew

DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES—In a dramatic escalation of high seas crime, Somali pirates hijacked a Saudi supertanker loaded with crude oil off the coast of East Africa—defeating the security web of warships trying to protect vital shipping lanes.

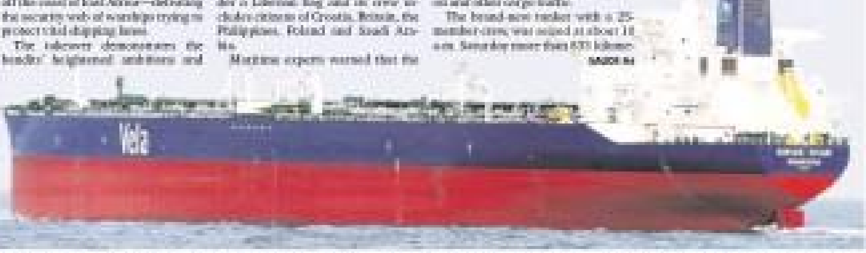
The takeover demonstrates the bandits' heightened ambitions and capabilities: Never before have they seized such a giant ship so far out to sea.

The MV Sirius Star was sailing under a Liberian flag and its crew includes citizens of Croatia, Britain, the Philippines, Poland and Saudi Arabia.

Maritime experts warned that the broad daylight attack, reported by the US Navy on Monday, was an alarming sign of the difficulty of patrolling a vast stretch of ocean key to oil and other cargo traffic.

The brand-new tanker with a 25-member crew was seized at about 10 a.m. Saturday more than 833 kilome-

SAUDI A4



CRIME IN THE HIGH SEAS Saudi supertanker Sirius Star (file photo) was loaded with $100 million worth of crude oil when it was seized off the coast of East Africa.

Biggest US bank slashes 52,000 jobs

NEW YORK—WITH ITS LOSSES mounting, Wall Street is cutting jobs faster—and deeper—than most pessimists had feared.

Underscoring the flagging fortunes of the entire financial industry, Citigroup on Monday said it was eliminating a staggering 52,000 jobs, or 14 percent of its global workforce.

Not since the early 1990s has an American company announced such a sharp workforce reduction in one swoop. In 1993, IBM slashed 60,000 jobs.

With the massive job cuts, few think the pain will end there for Citigroup or its rivals. After years of breakneck growth during the past few years, the

BIGGEST A18

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Impeachment case kicks off

Complaint clears 1st hurdle at House, is declared sufficient in form

THE FOURTH IMPEACHMENT COMPLAINT against President Macapagal-Arroyo overcame its first hurdle at the House of Representatives after it was declared sufficient in form despite an attempt by Bohol Rep. Adam Jala to return it to the complainants for supposed defects.

The justice committee is expected to take up the the complaint's substance today even as the President's allies foresee its defeat despite opposition claims that the complaint is stronger than previous ones.

The committee members yesterday agreed unanimously to declare the 97-page impeachment complaint sufficient in form, but Jala wanted it returned for failing to categorically state that the one-year ban against filing an impeachment petition had lapsed.

Rep. Edcel Lagman said that there was no need for the complainants to cite that the one-year ban had lapsed. When the complaint was endorsed to the justice committee, it was understood to mean that the ban had lapsed, he said.

Bloggers intervention

House members will also decide today on what to do with an intervention filed by a group of bloggers who want the President held to account for a provisional agreement with Muslim secessionists to expand the Autonomous Region for Muslims in Mindanao which the Supreme Court has invalidated.

Quezon City Rep. Matias Defensor, the justice committee chair, said he considered the intervention a new complaint as it raised a new issue, and was thus barred since only one impeachment pleading could be filed in a year.

He also said the intervention could not be heard if the committee has not acquired jurisdiction over it.

Defensor told reporters that the committee would either vote today on whether or not to accept the intervention, or he would come up with another action to be approved by legislators.

No new complaint

No new complaint, Parañaque Rep. Eduardo Zialcita warned that if the intervention is accepted, there would be no end to such pleadings.

Party-list Rep. Teodoro Casiño and Bukidnon Rep. Teofisto Guingona said the intervention was not a new complaint but an attempt to join an existing complaint.

The latest impeachment complaint against the President was filed by businessman Jose "Joey" de Venecia III, lawyer Harry Roque, Iloilo Vice Gov. Rolex Suplico, missing activist's mother Edita Burgos, Concepcion Empeño and Erlinda Cadapan.

Among the grounds cited in the complaint were the P728 million fertilizer fund scam; the bribery of lawmakers allegedly to support the sham impeachment against the President complaint last year; human rights violations; and the scrapped $329 million National Broadband Network deal with China's ZTE Corp.

It was endorsed by Joey de Venecia's father, Pangasinan Rep. and former Speaker Jose de Venecia. The De Venecia father and son were at the hearing yesterday.

Inhibition

The elder De Venecia told reporters that if only numbers are considered, then the impeachment would not be able to get enough numbers. But it will succeed if the lawmakers "listen to their conscience," he said.

Casiño asked that Deputy Speaker Amelita Villarosa inhibit herself or be disqualified, noting that Villarosa had admitted to having distributed money from the President's party to members of Congress last year, one of the grounds cited in the complaint.

But Villarosa, who said she gave funds to only two lawmakers, said she would excuse herself "at the proper time."

Defensor said he would rule on the issue when it is raised.

Casiño said that lawmakers linked to the fertilizer fund scam should also inhibit themselves.

A total of 105 past and incumbent lawmakers were allocated funds from the P728 million fund scam, and 25 of them are members of the present Congress.

In his preliminary statement, Defensor called on House members not to use the impeachment proceedings to advance personal interests.

Political vendetta

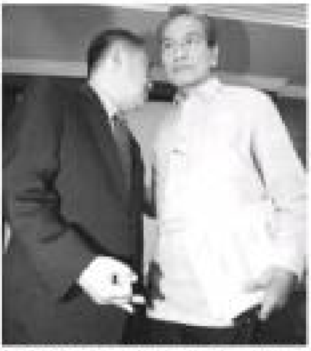
"Impeachment is the instrument to preserve, not to destroy, government. It should not and cannot be the instrument for partisan politics of political vendetta or hatred or advance personal and political aspirations," he said.

He also laid down the guidelines to be used in deciding whether or not a complaint is substantial.

He said the Supreme Court has stated that conclusions of law or mere opinions are not considered a proper recital of facts necessary in an impeachment complaint.

These statements include allegations that the President had ulterior motives or abused their advantages, as well as opinions, fears or suspicions unsupported by facts or evidence.

Considered conclusions of law are allegations that there was a violation of trust, that a contract is valid or void and that there was an intent to skirt laws for political persecution or vengeance. *Leila B. Salaverria*



GAME PLAN. Rep. Jose de Venecia discusses the impeachment game plan with Rep. Satur Ocampo of Bayan Muna.

SC strips 16 cities of status

SIXTEEN CITIES WILL REVERT BACK TO being municipalities as the Supreme Court has ruled that the laws that converted them into cities last year were unconstitutional.

Voting 7 to 5 with one abstention, the high court said the laws that gave cityhood to 16 municipalities violated the Local Government Code.

The 16 cities that will revert back to towns are: Baybay, Leyte; Bogo, Carcar and Naga in Cebu; Borongan, Eastern Samar; Catbalogan, Samar; Tandag, Surigao del Sur; Tayabas, Quezon; Lamitan, Basilan; Tabuk, Kalinga; Bayugan, Agusan del Sur; Batac, Ilocos Norte; Mati, Davao Oriental; Guihulngan, Negros Oriental; Cabadbaran, Agusan del Norte; and El Salvador, Misamis Oriental.

In a decision penned by Associate Justice Antonio Carpio, the high court said the laws that created the cities could not claim to be exempted from Republic Act 9009.

RA 9009, which took effect in June 2001, or six years before the cityhood laws were passed, amended Section 450 of the Local Government Code to increase the annual income requirement for converting a municipality into a city from P20 million to P100 million.

"The Constitution is clear. The creation of local government units must follow the criteria established in the Local Government Code and not in any other law," the ruling said.

Because President Macapagal-Arroyo did not sign the individual bills that elevated the 16 towns into cities, these lapsed into law between March and July 2007.

The Supreme Court upheld the position of the League of Cities of the Philippines which argued that the "wholesale conversion" of municipalities into cities will reduce the share of existing cities in the Internal Revenue Allotment, since there would be more of them sharing the same amount of IRA set aside for all cities.

Associate Justice Dante Tinga, a former Taguig congressman, and Associate Justice Antonio Nachura, a former Western Samar congressman, took no part in the decision.

Dona Pazzibugan

Pacquiao game plan: Wear out De La Hoya

'Speed will be key'

Heavier but stronger

Pacman shoots for immortality

HOLLYWOOD, California—



MANNY Pacquiao

Stamina is key

Grudge fight

De la Hoya's jabs

Noli, Erap, Manny lead in survey

Villar gains 5 points

Corrections

Saudi supertanker hijacked; Pinoys in crew

Another tanker with 18 RP sailors aboard hijacked

Cynthia D. Balana





FAST FACTS

Compiled by: Inquirer Research

False sense of security

Somali pirate haven

Surge in attacks

Very strong, very rich

Reports from AP and Reuters



10 RP fishers rescued at sea

TEN FILIPINO FISHermen on two boats were rescued by two Japanese ships in separate incidents last week after the fishermen's vessels capsized in rough seas, the Philippine Embassy in Tokyo reported yesterday.

The first incident involved eight fishermen on the F/B Richard which is based in Javana, Bohnan, Dinagatuan, and which foundered in the South China Sea on Nov. 9 during a weather disturbance.

The eight were identified as Gumalbo Lopez, Danilo Labastres, Glorio Silva, Renato Pedrozamla, Angelito Majara, Efren Pergos, Manuel Goncal and Jason Consolacion, all from Lusay, Bohol.

They were rescued on Nov. 11 by the Japanese cargo ship MV Kohso Spirit.

The second incident involved Rogue Cabradilla and Hilario Rey, both of San Isidro, Rene Sig, who were rescued by the Japanese vessel MT Hyashou YISE at sea their fishing boat, the Mais, capsized in rough seas on Nov. 12.

Both Japanese vessels were on route to Japan when their crews spotted the Filipino fishermen.

The Tokyo embassy, in its report to the Department of Foreign Affairs in Manila, said all 10 fishermen were in good condition.

The embassy said it was coordinating with the Japanese government and shipping companies. *Cynthia D. Balana*

Erap hand in coup seen

Knows Enrile very well

'Nagulat nga ako'

Reconciliation









'Blessing in disguise'

Palace man

Fears of Charter change quickly doused

Presidential aspirants

Revise Constitution

Hands-off policy

Lapid joins minority

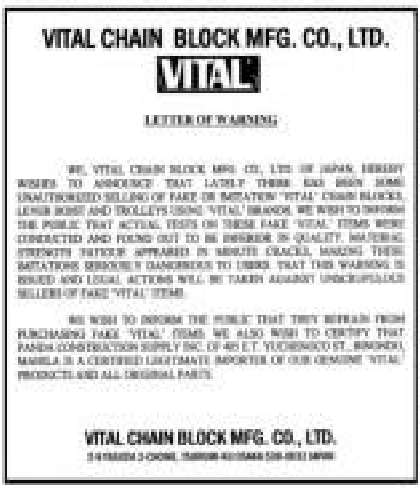
'Halo-halo'

Victors start bickering over spoils

Gordon gets blue ribbon

Preferences

'Fiscalizer'



SUPREME COURT SELECTION

DOJ chief wants secret voting in bar council

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Joc-joc appears more at home in the House

Poker face

In the eye

'No scam'

Not fund recipients

'Lowest kind of lying'

Commissions

Obama finally returns GMA call at 3:17 a.m.

Flurry of calls

Bubble bursts

Affairs of the heart

'Oh, my God'

Even God has sense of humor

Biggest US bank slashes 52,000 jobs worldwide

Unrelenting strain

Industry, retail hit

US auto industry

More stress ahead

Long recession

THE PHILIPPINE ORTHOPAEDIC ASSOCIATION 59TH ANNUAL CONVENTION



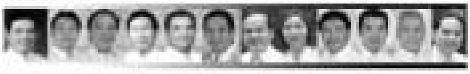
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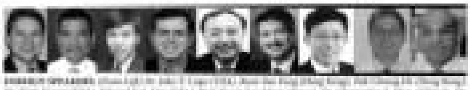


The Philippine Board of Orthopaedics and the POA Foundation, Inc. joins us in this annual event





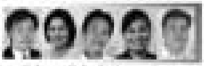












PREMATURE MARRIAGES

Church alarmed by increase in annulment cases



By Dona Pazzibugan

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IS ALARMED WITH the rising number of annulment cases in the country and blames "premature marriages" for the record number of marital breakups.

Statistics from the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG) showed that 7,753 annulment cases were filed in 2007 compared to 7,138 in 2006.

A higher number of annulment cases is expected for this year with over 7,100 cases already filed from January to September alone.

Prior to 2005, the number of annulment cases never breached the 7,000 mark.

Caloocan Bishop Deogracias Iñiguez attributed the marital breakups to "personal immaturity," noting that almost half of the couples who filed for annulment are between 21 to 28 years old and have lived together for not more than five years.

"They just enter into a relationship—an emotional involvement—and they think that's sufficient in entering... marriage," said Iñiguez, who chairs the public affairs committee of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP).

He also said that many young couples who marry forget to consider the long-term implications of spending the rest of their life together.

The CBCP's National Appellate Matrimonial Tribunal (NAMT) had asked lawmakers to raise the minimum legal marrying age of 18 years old.

NAMT chair and Lingayen-Dagupan Archbishop Oscar Cruz earlier said that raising the minimum marrying age might minimize the number of broken marriages.

"Getting married at 18 could be disadvantageous since a person at that age is still unripe or incapable of raising a family," Cruz said.

He also argued that "most people that age are still psychologically unprepared and emotionally unstable."

Cruz, however, did not specify the ideal age for marriage, saying a person simply has to be mentally capable and prepared to raise a family.

The Catholic Church has opposed proposals in Congress to allow divorce.

Cruz said lawmakers should fortify marriages instead of putting "remedies" for broken marriages.



WHAT BULLYING?

GSIS exec defends libel suits by Garcia









INQUIRER
OPINION

Under probation

EDITORIAL



Double-talk behind 'open skies' policy

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

'Obama of the Philippines'

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

With Enrile leading, where is the Senate going?

ANALYSIS

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Women in crisis

PINOY KASI

Michael L. Tan



What her life means

AT LARGE

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LOOKING BACK

Ambeth R. Ocampo



Real need is to abolish the House of Representatives

LETTERS

INQUIRER Northern Luzon

'Motit' excites Cordillera coffee lovers

La Trinidad, Benguet

THE PROTECTION OF AN endangered wild-cat species that could spell millions of profit for the Cordillera's coffee growers and traders has emerged as a rallying cause for business and the environment.

In The Know

Wild cats crazy over coffee





Serious threat

Hopes

Mind-boggling



RISK NOT! IT'S THE ONLY SKIN YOU'VE GOT!

SKIN SAFETY CAMPAIGN

What is a dermatologist?
A dermatologist is a licensed physician educated in the specialty of dermatology which covers diseases of the skin, hair and nails.

How does one become a dermatologist?
A dermatologist must train for 3 years at a hospital or institution approved by the Philippine Dermatological Society (PDS) after which he/she takes the board examinations of the PDS then earns the tile Board Certified.

What is the PHILIPPINE DERMATOLOGICAL SOCIETY (PDS)?
The PDS is the ONLY medical society for dermatology recognized by the Philippine Medical Association (PMA). This means that your PDS dermatologist is a competent and skilled physician who is the authority on skin.

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Philippine Dermatological Society in cooperation with **International Society of Dermatology**

32nd PDS Annual Convention

NOVEMBER 20-21, 2008
SMX Convention Center, Pasay City

Dermatologic Diagnosis and Therapeutics:
Bridging the Gap



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ISD Executive Board & Committee Chairs

It is with great pride and honor that the Philippine Dermatological Society will be hosting its 32nd Annual Convention together with the International Society of Dermatology this coming Nov.20-21, 2008 at the SMX Convention Center. The Plenary sessions boast of a wide range of interesting topics to be discussed by leading world-renowned American, European and Australian speakers and members from the International Society of Dermatology. Prominent speakers from the Philippines will also share their expertise.

On November 19, the preconvention workshop on dermatologic surgery with the theme, "Practical Procedural Dermatology" will feature lectures and live demonstrations.

LECTURES AND SPEAKERS





PDS Fellowship Night



The 9th National Skin Disease Detection and Prevention Week
(SKINWEEK 2008)

November 16-22, 2008

Theme: **B**alat... **A**lagaan **L**aban s**A** saki**T**

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Across the NATION

COA bares 'cement scam' in Vizcaya

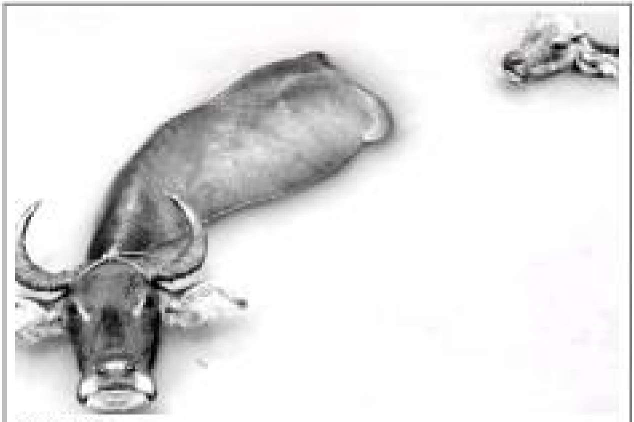
Audit report says P24M used without any bidding

By Melvin Gascon
Inquirer Northern Luzon

BAYOMBONG, NUEVA VIZCAYA—THE COMmission on Audit has uncovered the provincial government's allegedly illegal use of public funds to buy construction and agricultural supplies amounting to P24.2 million.

Exceptions to the rule

Earlier warning



CHILLING OUT

Planters decry unabated smuggling of sugar in RP

30,000 more teachers needed, says DepEd chief

NEWSBRIEFS

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO

PAF helicopter crashes

BACOLOD CITY

3 cops charged with abuses

COTABATO CITY

Suspected arsonist hunted

CAMP VICENTE LIM

2 cops nabbed for extortion

OLONGAPO CITY IS THIS YEAR'S HOST TO THE 16TH EAST AND SOUTHEAST ASIA NETWORK (ESEA-NET) FOR BETTER LOCAL GOVERNANCE CONFERENCE. IN COORDINATION WITH THE LOCAL GOVERMENT DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION (LOGODEF) AND KONRAD ADENAUER STIFTUNG, THE PEOPLE OF OLONGAPO PROUDLY

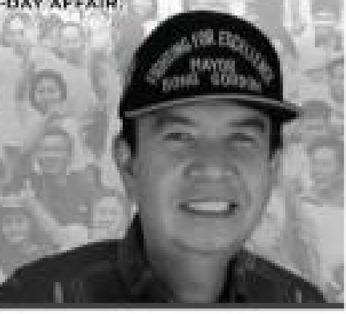
WELCOME DELEGATES TO THE 3-DAY AFFAIR.

16th ESEANET INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

November 19-21, 2008

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ESEA CONFERENCE 2008





"CITIES IN SEARCH OF IDEAL COMMUNITIES"

It is apt that Olongapo is hosting this year's East Southeast Asia - Network (ESEA-NET) Conference. [illegible]

A multi-awarded city, Olongapo was a recipient of the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung award for initiating reforms in the bureaucracy to achieve efficiency and productivity in governance.

Today, under the leadership of Mayor James "Bong" Gordon Jr., the city continues to strive for excellence in terms of public service and in instituting best practices [illegible] the Asia – Pacific region.

In this light the objective of ESEA [illegible] as it seeks to actively engage in information exchange and replication mechanisms among network member countries.

The Philippines and Olongapo, being the [illegible] member city in ESEA, welcome and support the purpose of ESEA to make each and every community in Asia and the rest of the world a better and safer place to live in.

TO ESEA-NET DELEGATES...

MABUHAY!

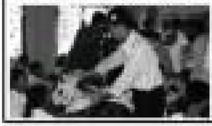
OLONGAPO: Living up to the ideals of ESEA. One of the pioneers in implementing modern solutions to common urban problems - a top rank city that continues to strive and experiment through **HELPS**.

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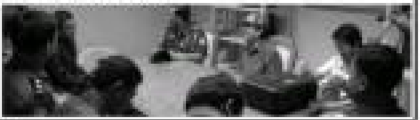


LIVELIHOOD AND LABOR





PEACE AND ORDER



SOCIAL SERVICES AND SPORTS







Mayor James "Bong" Gordon, Jr. receives the 2008 National Gawad Kalasag award from [illegible]



Olongapo was declared the Most Competitive City [illegible] by the Asian Institute of Management [illegible]

OLONGAPO CITY AWARDS & RECOGNITION

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News

Informal talks with Reds eyed

Gov't expecting restart of peace talks with MILF



Going home

Effective safety net

Dec. 1 a holiday

A plus METRO
Editor Ruben D. Dipasupil



Boy dies after fall from Libis condo

By Nancy C. Carvajal

A GRADE 7 STUDENT OF LA SALLE GREEN HILLS accidentally fell 14 floors to his death from the window of his family's condominium unit in Eastwood Avenue, Libis, Quezon City, yesterday.

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Batasan blast state witness wants out

By Julie M. Aurelio

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Rookie cop's gun goes off, kills roommate

M'nao veteran takes over EPD top post



Triumph workers barred from staging a strike

MetroBriefs

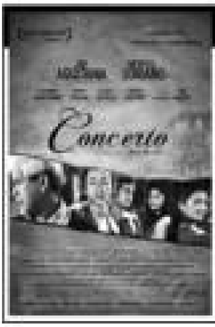
Soriano out, Bataoil in

Other angles probed

Letran grand homecoming

Kulinarya guidebook launch





Colombia declares state of emergency

BOGOTA, COLOMBIA—COLOMBIA [illegible]

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COLOMBIA Investors demonstrate in downtown Bogota on Monday afternoon to defend a company engaged in a pyramid scheme operation. AP

Ex-president in graft case resumes fast

TAIPEI, TAIWAN—FORMER TAIWANESE President Chen Shui-bian [illegible]

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WorldBriefs

California fires

LOS ANGELES—[illegible]

Commando falls

MADRID—[illegible]

Thaksin foundation

BANGKOK—[illegible]

Pudgiest pets

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Too little sleep

WASHINGTON—[illegible]



The WORLD

Obama, McCain vow to work together for reform

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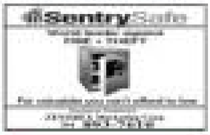
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Gov't posted ₱9-B budget gap in Oct.

10-month shortfall widens by 50% to P62.3B

THE GOVERNMENT INCURRED A BUDGET DEFICIT OF P9 billion in October as revenue collection failed to catch up with the government's expenditures, which have risen

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PSE joins list of preferred markets in emerging Asia

Credit Suisse cites low prices, strong returns

By Elizabeth Sanchez-Lucas

THE PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE shone among emerging markets in Asia despite reporting weaker third-quarter earnings due to a dearth of public offerings and thin trades this year.

In its financial report, the PSE posted a 37.6-percent decline in its nine-month net income to P[illegible] million from P406.86 million a year ago.

Revenues, which consisted of trading-related fees, listing income, service fees and interest income, fell 29.8 percent to P[illegible] billion from P[illegible] million.

Trading fees declined 34 percent as a result of low trading volumes. Listing-related income also slipped 34 percent due to only two initial public offerings for the year and fewer fees collected from follow-on offers.

Those which braved the stock market this year were San Miguel Brewery Inc. and Pepsi Cola Products Philippines Inc.

Between January and September last year, there were six IPOs—Pe[illegible] ...lle Online Systems Corp., National Reinsurance Corporation of the Philippines, Phoenix Petroleum Philippines Inc., Aboitiz Power Corp., IDMA Network Inc. and Araneta Land Holdings Inc.

Service fees of PSE clearing house Securities Clearing Corporation of the Philippines were also down 44 percent due to the decrease in total trade volume.

Despite weaker volumes this year, the Philippine stock market was cited by Swiss financial services giant Credit Suisse as one of its preferred markets in emerging Asia, together with China and Thailand, the PSE said in a separate statement.

The Credit Suisse report, published last Oct. 29, said stock markets in Asia were attractive investment destinations than Europe because of "low macroeconomic risk, high reserves, high domestic sales and current account surplus."

In measuring macroeconomic risk, Credit Suisse considered the current account balance, loan-to-deposit ratio, level of external debt, level of leverage and net commodity exports. The Philippines ranked second with a reading of 45, following Singapore's score of 38. Low scores indicate low risk.

Credit Suisse said the country's loan-to-deposit ratio was one of the lowest in emerging Asia at 61 percent, next only to China's 68 percent. A higher ratio means less room for banks as it generally tends to rely heavily on borrowed funds.

Credit Suisse also said that share prices in emerging markets in Asia were cheaper against other markets and offer stronger returns on investments.

The financial company also picked eight Philippine stocks out of a total 50 stocks recommended as a buy for investors. These were Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co., Union Bank, Energy Development Corp., Metrobank, Globe Telecom, Meralco and Megaworld Corp.

Philippine Stock Exchange

(As of November 18, 2008)

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by accelerated spending for infrastructure projects," Finance Undersecretary Gil Beltran said in a briefing yesterday.

The government was having difficulty boosting spending in the previous months. Some agencies were, in fact, holding back on spending as any savings will add to their personal bonuses.

The budget department, however, directed government agencies to fast-track spending on projects and programs that have been lined up for the year, warning that a slack in spending could result in delays in the granting of their budgets for the succeeding months.

Despite efforts to increase spending, Finance Undersecretary Jeremias Paul Jr. said in the same briefing that the government would stick to its goal of limiting the budget deficit for the entire year at P75 billion.

The government's fiscal performance in October brought its budget deficit for the first 10 months to P62.5 billion, up from only P41.5 billion in the same period a year ago.

The government generated P972.5 billion in revenues and spent P1.04 trillion from January to October.

Of the revenues in the first 10 months, P[illegible] billion was accounted for by the Bureau of Internal Revenue. This makes the BIR hard put to meet its full-year target of P[illegible] billion.

The Bureau of Customs, the second biggest revenue earner among line agencies after the BIR, contributed P[illegible] billion in the first 10 months. This was up from P[illegible] billion in the same period a year ago. The BOC is tasked to collect P[illegible] billion for the entire year.

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The company's annualized return on rate base for the 12 months ending September was 8.3 percent, lower than the 2007 ROSB of 9.8 percent.

Third-quarter revenue dipped 3.6 percent to P[illegible] billion and by 9.8 percent to P[illegible] billion in the nine months ending September due to lower generation charges.

At the same time, distribution revenues for the quarter was flat at P6.64 billion, while those for the first nine months increased by P[illegible] million to P[illegible] billion due to a 1.7 percent rise in total kilowatt-hour sales.

Meralco sold [illegible] gigaWatt-hours for the third quarter, an increase of 1.6 percent from the year-ago period.

During the quarter, residential clients used up a total of 2,[illegible] million gWh or 2.2 percent lower than the 2,[illegible] gWh they consumed in the same quarter last year.

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PDIC seeks ₱24B in fresh capital

Reinsurance system eyed to support P1-M insurance cover

By Doris C. Dumlao

STATE-OWNED PHILIPPINE DEPOSIT Insurance Corp. is seeking an immediate fresh capital infusion of P24 billion from the government to build a sufficient buffer for the existing maximum deposit insurance level of P250,000 per person.

PDIC also said it was supporting Malacañang's proposal to increase the maximum coverage to P1 million without seeking any increase in the premium paid by banks or additional capital infusion, but only as a contingent measure.

"We will cover P250,000 but the government will have to cover the (additional) P750,000," Nograles said in a forum with the Chamber of Thrift Banks.

The increase in the deposit insurance coverage to P1 million, based on PDIC's new proposal to Congress, should be implemented only as a temporary measure.

Nograles said there must be flexibility in its charter that would allow it to raise the maximum deposit insurance level if and when the environment would call for it as determined by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas and the National Economic and Development Authority.

"Give me a provision (in the charter) that will allow flexibility so that if there's a threat, I wouldn't have to keep going back to Congress," he said.

Nograles said the priority at present would be to bring up PDIC's deposit insurance fund to P70 billion from the existing P50 billion.

The additional amount sought was lower than the P45 billion earlier asked by PDIC when a permanent increase in coverage to P500,000 was proposed.

The additional P750,000 coverage per person, he said, could be covered using a reinsurance scheme and would thus not require any immediate additional capital infusion from the government on top of the P24 billion previously sought by PDIC.

Nograles said PDIC was now in talks with the Department of Budget and Management and the Department of Finance on the best way to raise the P24-billion fresh capital infusion.

SEAir focusing on Eaga market

By Riza T. Olchondra

SOUTH EAST ASIAN AIRLINES (SEAIR) hopes to pursue a big chunk of the travel market of the Brunei-Indonesia-Malaysia-Philippines East Asia Growth Area (BIMP-Eaga) when it starts offering direct flights from Puerto Princesa, Palawan to Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia late this month.

SEAir president Avelino Zapanta said in an interview that the low-cost airline's first regional service sought to promote tourism in the region.

The new SEAir service covers Clark-Caticlan (Boracay)-Puerto Princesa-Kota Kinabalu.

"The four-point route opens up flights from Kota Kinabalu to Puerto Princesa and Boracay, which we want to promote to more travelers as gateways between the Philippines and the BIMP-Eaga region," Zapanta said.

SEAir also plans to operate flights to Singapore, Macau, Indonesia, Bangkok and Kunming. SEAir is supporting these new routes by taking delivery of two new Airbus aircraft in the first quarter of 2009.

It earlier said that more than 35 percent of all flights to Caticlan (Boracay) in January to October this year were via SEAir. There are four local carriers flying to Boracay.

"SEAir made 3,111 flights to and from Caticlan. This translates to 630 flights more than our nearest competitor. This service will add further to the connectivity to Boracay with twice a week flights direct from Caticlan to Puerto Princesa," said Patrick Tan, SEAir vice president for commercial affairs.

"We believe in tourism as the industry of the future for the Philippines and SEAir wishes to continue to contribute in the tradition of its pioneering effort that started 14 years ago and recently has been transformed in new services to Tablas, Daet, Baler, Basco and Marinduque," Tan added.



JOLLIBEE and its PR agency Stratworks recently won a Philippine Quill Award of Excellence from the International Association of Business Communicators (IABC) for the leading fastfood company's 30th anniversary PR campaign, "Jollibee: Celebrating 30 Years of Langhap Sarap with the Media." In photo at the awards ceremonies at the Hyatt Hotel in Manila are (from left to right) IABC's Adrian Crepin, Philippine Quill Chairman and Meralco VP & Director Elpi Cuna, the Jollibee mascot, Jollibee VP for Marketing Gold F. Tanteco, Stratworks Managing Director Dennis Herrera-Canda and PR Director Derek Heredia, IABC Phils. President and Phil Quill Co-Chair Veronica Tapia-Mark and IABC International Chairperson Barbara Gibson. Stratworks was one the most awarded agencies at the ceremonies, winning a total of 7 Philippine Quill Awards for its communications campaigns for its clients Jollibee, HP Philippines and the Singapore Tourism Board.

MOTORING

Toyota updates compact SUV



THE RAV4 now has a more finished appearance with fewer superfluous curves and lower claddings.



THE NEW RAV4's interior is simple yet elegant and upscale.

By Charles E. Buban

Mazda MX-5 Miata: incredibly fun to drive

ON THE ROAD



Aida Sevilla-Mendoza



INSIDE, a 6-SPEED stick shift and black leather seats

Value

Practical



MAZDA MX-5 2006, a.k.a. the Miata: the best-selling sports car in the world

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LIFESTYLE Home & Entertaining

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WITH daughters Lily and Sophia

How to create intimacy—and style—in your bedroom

Daphne Oseña Paez defines the steps

By Alex Y. Vergara

YOU CAN PROBABLY DO away with fancy floors or settle for cheaper drapes in the bedroom, but never scrimp on bed linens. It could cost you many a good night's sleep and even ruin an otherwise intimate moment.

"Getting enough sleep these days has become a luxury for almost everybody," says TV host Daphne Oseña Paez. "Since we spend 1/3 of our lives in bed, we might as well make sure that our bedrooms are conducive enough for sleeping."

This piece of advice from Paez, producer and host of the magazine show "Urban

How to create intimacy . . .







Passion for design

Ceiling changed

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By Marge C. Enriquez

Challenging course



Quality of life



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Old Christmas Cards

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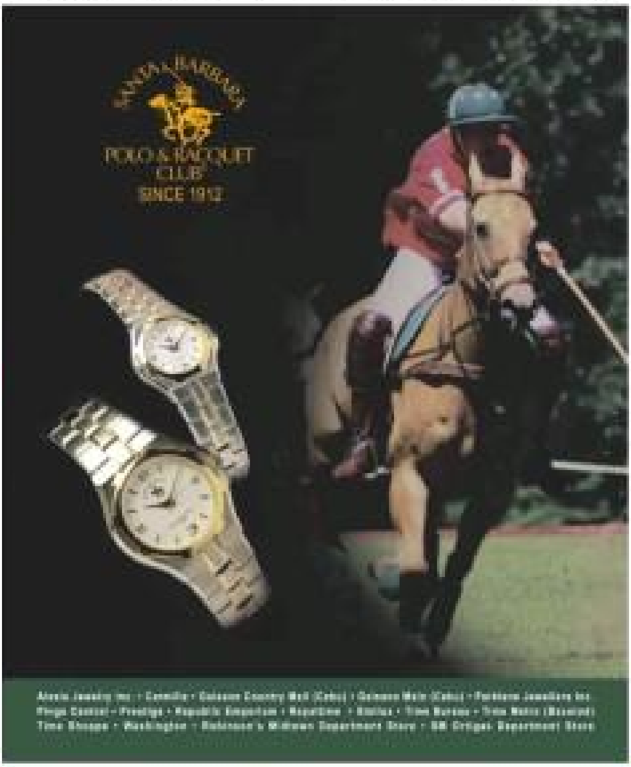
With Anton Barretto and Marisa Lopa

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Bourbon brand holds rock band contest

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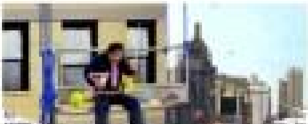

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AKARI CEO Chris Tiu and his partner inside a chamber that tests a bulb's luminosity and power usage.

SILVER and champagne plates from the Elegance range.



Shining in Shenzhen

A leading lighting brand worldwide is an all-Filipino creation

Text and photos by Walter Ang
Contributor

THE AKARI BRAND OF lighting and electrical products, despite using the Japanese term for "bright light," is actually a completely Filipino creation.

Texture and color

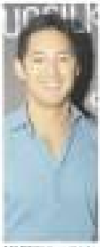
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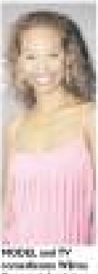




Arritos jewelry exhibit







WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH

Maurice Arcache



Aurelio Montinola III receives France's Legion D'Honneur

Celebrities Make a Stand: Straight or Curly?

Real Life Foundation Fun Run

































Shining in Shenzhen

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allows up to four different lighting schemes to be preset.

"This lighting-control device can accommodate up to four circuits using existing electrical wiring," says Tin.

A demonstration was done at the main conference room of the production base. At the switch of a button, lights instantly dimmed prior to a presentation using a projector.

"For home use, an example is use it for the dining room where you have a brighter light design for family dinners but a cozier ambience for romantic dinners. For the living room, you can have one lighting design for entertaining guests and another design for watching movies with the family all at the push of a button, he says."

"Best of all, the dimming capabilities allows users to save on electricity costs. Galleries, museums, exhibition halls can also benefit from the device. If you're a bachelor with four girlfriends who have different tastes in lighting, you should get one of these," he adds with a laugh.

For an even higher level of lighting control, plans are underway to introduce the Smart House lighting automation system. "The system allows homeowners and building or mall operators to conveniently control home lighting, air-conditioning and alarm systems. It can be operated through texting or the Internet. The operating time of lights and air-con units can be scheduled to save energy. Studies have shown that the system can add up to 20-percent savings in electricity costs," he says.

The system also uses motion detectors that can switch lights on when someone enters a room as well as switch lights off in unoccupied rooms. When installed outdoors, motion-activated lighting is also useful for security measures.

"It even has a replay function that records one full week of actual household lighting activity and then replays it to create the illusion that the house is occupied. If you plan to have a long vacation, it will be an excellent deterrent to intruders," Tin says.

"In addition, through the Smart House, socket outlets can be switched off remotely to ensure that certain electrical appliances are not activated by children."

LRT 2 terminals not so friendly to differently-abled

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LIFESTYLE Parenting



Your kid has ADHD? Here's how to deal with it

Some three million Filipinos are affected by the psychological condition

By Mimi Pojas de Ocampo
Contributor



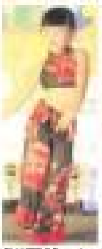
Perils of solo parenting

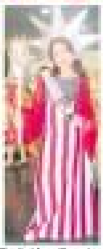
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Your kid has ADHD? . . .

Tips for parents and teachers



BANANA Raisin Muffin

'BAON' OF THE WEEK

Banana raisin muffins

By Norma Chikiamco
Contributor

BANANAS ARE rich in potassium but they can be boring to eat. Here's a wholesome recipe that transforms bananas into a tasty treat: Banana raisin muffins. They're great for school-time snacks—or even for after-school eating.

BANANA RAISIN MUFFINS

3 cups all-purpose flour
1 tsp salt
2 tsp baking soda
2 tsp baking powder
2 c sugar
3 c mashed ripe bananas
4 eggs, slightly beaten
1 ½ c vegetable oil
2 c raisins, lightly dusted with flour

Preheat oven to 375°F. Line two 12-cup muffin pans with paper baking cups.

Sift together flour, salt, baking soda, baking powder and sugar.

In another bowl, mix mashed bananas with eggs and vegetable oil. Combine with the flour mixture. Fold in raisins. Pour into prepared baking cups, filling each cup about ¾ full. Bake for 25 to 28 minutes or until tops are golden brown. Makes about 24 muffins.

'Baon' tips:

- Use ripe bananas, or even the overly ripe bananas, for best flavor.
- The best banana variety for this recipe is lakatan.
- Dusting the raisins lightly with flour gives them a little weight so they don't sink to the bottom of the bowl.
- Do not over fill the muffin pans to prevent spillage during the baking process.

Dinosaurs to rule the earth again



TYRANNOSAURUS Rex at the SM Mall of Asia Dino Alive World Tour

DINOSAURS ALIVE World Tour comes to Manila, after successfully touring Thailand and Indonesia.

Young and old alike will be treated to a fully air-conditioned environment at the 12,000 sq m (around 30 basketball courts) lot of SM Mall of Asia.

Over 32 interactive dinosaurs, with the largest dinosaur towering up to two-story high, will be featured in the traveling exhibit including Tyrannosaurus, Triceratops, Seismosaurus, Brachiosaurus, Stegosaurus, and Megalosaurus, to name a few.

These creatures are brought to life with high-quality latex that provides a texture visually similar to what scientists gauge the dinosaurs' skin would resemble and feel like.

"The feedback has been very positive from the past visits in other countries and we are targeting the largest turnout of the tour so far with an estimated 350,000 people during the holidays," said James White of Max Entertainment, the creator of the dino show.

Aside from the dramatic displays of life-size dinosaurs, the interactive "edu-tainment" exhibit will also feature dino rides and simulator rides, merchandise outlets, and fun family activities.

The exhibit will also have live entertainment featuring magicians, fire eaters, jugglers, clowns, face painters, puppeteers, balloon sculptors and human statues. Shows will take place every hour from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

A replica show featuring a seven-foot crocodile, an albino python, big iguanas and two komodo dragons will also be displayed.

Purefoods Dino train ride will take kids on a journey of archaeological discovery. They will be able to explore some fossils at the Caltex Fossil Dig Adventure. Visit the QTV Dino Theater for free motion pictures that will transport visitors across time when giants ruled the earth.

Ticket prices for adults are P500, kids at P400. Family package costs P1,600 (two adults, two kids and a free ticket) on weekdays.

For weekend tickets, adults at P600, kids, P450 and family package at P1,750. On top of the family package, three supplementary tickets will also be available at P200 each.

The first 10,000 theme park goers who avail of the family package will be entitled to a free Purefoods Tender Juicy Hot Dog. Alaska will also offer free yoghurt for the first 10,000 students on a school trip.

There will be specially designed KFC boxes available at KFC outlets that will offer a 10 percent discount for the first 10,000 customers who buy a ticket. Ticket purchases from BDO issued credit cards (BDO, Equitable and American Express) can also enjoy a 10-percent discount as well. Junior Inquirer cardholders can buy tickets at P350 and two free tickets will be given away with weekly quizzes from the Junior Inquirer.

Dinos Alive! World Tour will run until Jan. 31, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. on weekends, and 12 p.m.-10 p.m. on weekdays.

Tickets are available from Ticket World at 891-9999. There are also Ticketworld booths in selected National Bookstore outlets and at the venue.



LANGUAGE Builder with Word Launch

Big toy sale Nov. 21, 22 and 23

TOYS "R" US IS HOLDING A Big Toy Sale, with up to 70 percent discounts in prices, on Nov. 21, 22 and 23, at the Activity Center in the Midtown Wing of Robinsons Place Manila.

Get hold of the hottest toy brands on sale and enjoy big savings: Disney, Dream Machine, Tolly Walker, Mega Bloks, Bratz, Fisher Price, VTech, Kid Shop, Power Rangers, Barbie, Mysterie, Mobile Suit Gundam and Hot Wheels and more.

Load up on more favorite toys with the Super Value promo featuring toys, games and kiddie knickknacks at marked down prices.

At the Girls' Zone, up to 60-percent discount will be offered on selections such as Dora Musical Magic Carriage, while there's gift with purchase specials on You & Me Cradle and Barbie dolls.

The Boys' Zone offers 70 percent off on selected remote control cars. Tecnica Magic Rail Set and Remote Control Stunt Vehicles are available at 30-percent off. Toys "R" Us Private Label Fast Lane has buy 2 single pack Die-Cast Cars for only P300.

The Toys for Learning and Fun Zone is the right place to grab Leapster Platform, Kiddiup Sketch 'N Draw and Playdoh Fun Factory at Super Value prices.

Gifts for kids too can be found in the Babies "R" Us Zone. Sesame Street Giggle Guitar Rock N Roll is at half the price, while Super Value toys like Step Walk N Ride and Winnie the Pooh Xylophone are also available.

At the Family Fun, E-Zone and Outdoor Sports Zones, meanwhile, can be found Monopoly and Rubik's Key Chains. The Animal Alley Zone has selected plush toys and other kiddie stuff at 70-percent off.

For unique toys and gift ideas at special prices, Toys "R" Us has exclusive labels such as You and Me, Kids Science and Fruits, among others, for fashion like Barbie Doll and Fashion Accessories, You & Me Bean Baby, Caterpillar Toy, Skateboard Die cast, Speed zone Car features, and game novelties with selected products.

And for a minimum of purchase P2,500, get a free Toys "R" Us eco-friendly shopping bag in all Toys "R" Us stores and in select Toys "R" Us Toy Boxes inside Robinsons Department Stores.

Toys "R" Us stores are located in Robinsons Malls (Galleria, Metro East, Manila, Lipa and Bacolod), TriNoma Mall, Alabang Town Center Mall, while Toys "R" Us Toy Boxes can be found inside all Robinsons Department Stores.



WINNIE the Pooh Xylophone for tots

Barney's Dino-mite birthday celeb

BARNEY, EVERYONE'S favorite purple dinosaur, celebrates 20 years of sharing, caring and imagination with the Barney Dino-Mite Birthday Party, a live action stage show at SM Malls.

The shows are on Nov. 22 and 23, at SM City North EDSA Cinema 8; Nov. 29 and 30, at the SM Mall of Asia Cinemas; Dec. 6, at SM City Sta. Rosa Cinema 5; Dec. 13, at SM City Dasmariñas Cinema 2 and Dec. 14, at SM Megamall Cinema 4. Show time will be at 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Since his debut in 1988, Barney has become a well-loved friend of preschoolers through Barney & Friends, his phenomenally successful television show. The series features Barney, a purple stuffed tyrannosaurus, who conveys learning through song and dance routines with a friendly, optimistic attitude.

Barney & Friends changed the face of children's television, and the series continues to be one of the top rated pre-school shows. Barney and his friends Baby Bop, BJ and Riff help parents give their growing children a range of skills through lots of fun, music and laughs.

The Barney Dino-Mite Birthday Party will feature favorite Barney songs that kids have loved through the years, as well as new tunes and lots of valuable lessons for kids. These include "I Love You" (the Barney Song), "My Family's Just Right for Me," "Everyone is Special," "If I Were Yellow Monkey," "That's How You Make Rock and Roll," "Blue Jay," "If You're Happy and You Know It," "Barney is a Dinosaur" and many others.



Kids can also have a chance to be with Barney on stage and be a star. Kids 3 to 7 years old can join the Be A Star contest by purchasing Barney Dino-Mite Birthday tickets available at all SM Cinemas and ticket outlets.

Preliminary elimination rounds will be held on Nov. 22, at The Block at SM City North EDSA; Nov. 30 at the SM Mall of Asia Music Hall; Dec. 6 at the SM City Sta. Rosa Events Center and on Dec. 13, at the SM City Dasmariñas Events Center.

Ten finalists will be chosen to compete in the Be A Star Grand Finals on Dec. 14, at 2 p.m. at the SM Megamall Atrium, with big prizes at stake.

As a way of giving back to all the children who have loved him for so many years, Barney is encouraging all his friends to donate either new or used toys, clothes, books and other learning materials.

Bring gifts to the SM Cinemas where Barney's Dino-Mite Birthday Party will be showing, or drop them at designated purple gift boxes at retail outlets where Barney products are sold.

For ticket inquiries, call Ticketnet at 911-5555.

Goings On

Peace playground opens at Museo

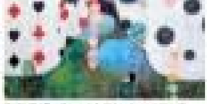
Lisa Macuja in UE today

Grand finals

Education exhibit

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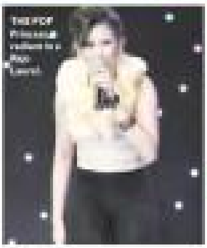
Farley's playful paintings



FARLEY Del Rosario's "Bank and Dolls"

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4 MONSTER SLAYER
5 ONE TRUE LOVE
6 MADAGASCAR 2: ESCAPE to AFRICA
7 PASSENGERS
8 LALAMUNAN
9 WALANG KAWALA

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1 JAMES BOND: QUANTUM of SOLACE
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6 BURN AFTER READING
7 PASSENGERS
8 THE WOMEN

NOVALICHES

1 ONE TRUE LOVE
2 JAMES BOND: QUANTUM of SOLACE
3 THE WOMEN

PIONEER

1 ONE TRUE LOVE
2 BURN AFTER READING
3 SEX DRIVE
4 MONSTER SLAYER



STA. ROSA

1 JAMES BOND: QUANTUM of SOLACE
2 ONE TRUE LOVE
3 BURIED ALIVE
4 CITY of EMBER

LIPA

1 JAMES BOND: QUANTUM of SOLACE
2 ONE TRUE LOVE
3 NIGHTS in RODANTHE
4 BURIED ALIVE

DASMARIÑAS

1 JAMES BOND: QUANTUM of SOLACE
2 ONE TRUE LOVE
3 LIVING HELL
4 TROPIC THUNDER

IMUS

1 JAMES BOND: QUANTUM of SOLACE
2 ONE TRUE LOVE
3 MADAGASCAR 2: ESCAPE to AFRICA
4 LIVING HELL

ANGELES

1 JAMES BOND: QUANTUM of SOLACE
2 ONE TRUE LOVE
3 LIVING HELL
4 THE STRANGERS

STARMILLS

1 JAMES BOND: QUANTUM of SOLACE
2 MADAGASCAR 2: ESCAPE to AFRICA
3 ONE TRUE LOVE
4 MY ONLY U
5 CITY of EMBER
6 THE WOMEN

BACOLOD

1 ONE TRUE LOVE
2 JAMES BOND: QUANTUM of SOLACE
3 BURIED ALIVE
4 THE SISTERHOOD of the TRAVELLING PANTS 2
5 MADAGASCAR 2: ESCAPE to AFRICA
6 TROPIC THUNDER

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1 ONE TRUE LOVE
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Film about …

From page F1



MERYL Romero, Luis Morales and Bernardo Bernardo in a scene from "Concerto." Doing the film was a "dramatic experience" for Paul Alexander Morales, director.

What was it like working with the cast?

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What are your hopes for the film?

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How did your family react when they saw the film?

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How did it strengthen your family's bond?

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Sex Drive

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Burn After Reading

Stars: George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Frances McDormand, Tilda Swinton, John Malkovich

Directed by Joel and Ethan Coen

Concerto

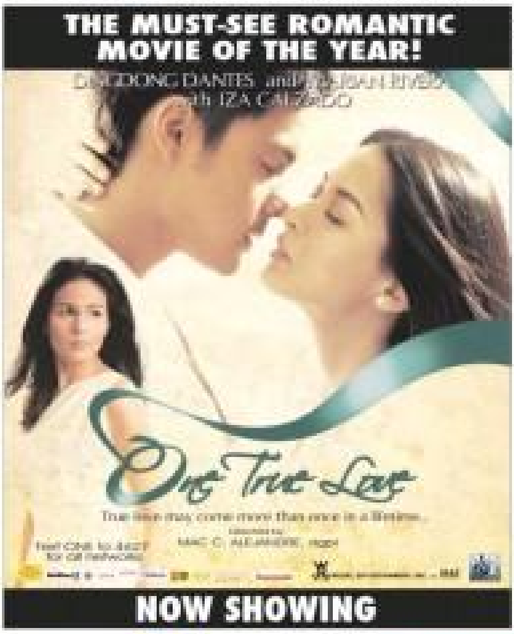
Stars: Jay Aquitania, Meryll Soriano, ...

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Directed by Ronald Arguelles

One True Love

Monster Slayer







ENTERTAINMENT

Billing hurts Iza Calzado's dad

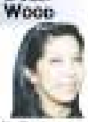
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Gama' side

Top of the talk shows

Marvs writes from Paris

DOLLY WOOD

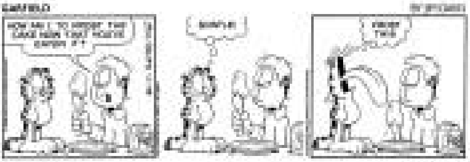


Dolly Anne Carvajal

Sam on Anne

Paris sojourn

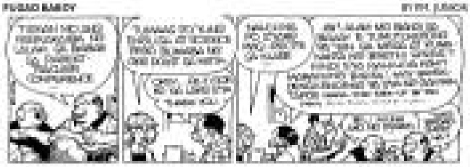
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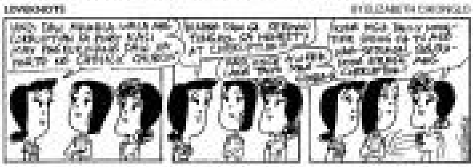
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JAMES BOND



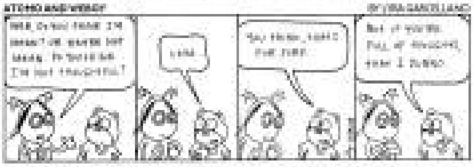
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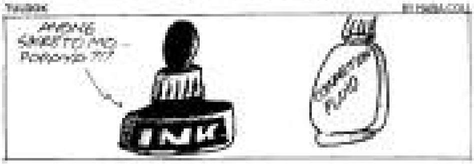
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ATOMO AND WENDY



TALBOK



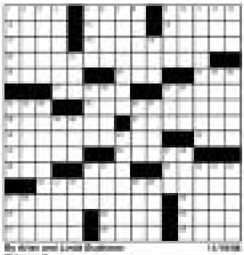
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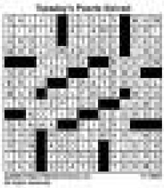


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DAILY CROSSWORD





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CONCEPTIS SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

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Difficulty Level ★★★

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Rihanna's concert crowd

True Faith gig